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SUBJECT: CRETAN POLICE ARREST CHANIA NEWSPAPER EDITORS

- 1. WIRE SERVICES CARRIED REPORT JUNE 5, LATER VERIFIED BY EMBSTAFF, THAT LOCAL POLICE IN CHANIA, CRETE ARRESTED CONSTANTINE STONGILAKIS, EDITOR, AND EDITORIAL WRITER, CONSTANTINE DASKALIS, OF ETHNIKI FONI, CITY'S LARGEST DAILY, ON JUNE 1. BOTH MEN REPORTEDLY ARE HELD IN CHANIA SECURITY HEADQUARTERS FOR INTERROGATION. FORMER ERE DEPUTY, GEORGE VOLUDAKIS, OWNS PAPER AND HAS CONTINUED TO PUBLISH WITHOUT MAKING REFERENCE TO ARRESTS OF STAFF MEMBERS.
- 2. ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN ETHNIKI FONI CRITICIZING SEVEN YEARS OF MILITARY RULE IN GREECE BELIEVED TO BE BASIS FOR ARRESTS. SUCH ARTICLE, ACCORDING TO CHANIA SECURITY AUTHORITIES, VIOLATED PROVISIONS OF MARTIAL LAW TASCA

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